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**48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2007**

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A MEMORIAL

SUPPORTING PRACTICES, PROGRAMS AND RESEARCH RELATED TO ANIMAL WELFARE; OPPOSING THE EXPENDITURE OF PUBLIC FUNDS TO PROMOTE ANIMAL RIGHTS, THE USE OF MATERIALS THAT DISCOURAGE THE USE AND ENJOYMENT OF ANIMAL PRODUCTS AND LEGAL PROHIBITIONS OR UNDUE RESTRICTIONS ON USE OF ANIMALS.

WHEREAS, the senate of New Mexico passes laws that govern agriculture, fish and wildlife and the ownership and use of animals within the state; and

WHEREAS, those laws should promote public understanding of, and appreciation for, the wise use of domestic animals, fish and wildlife for scientific purposes, economic benefit, service, enjoyment and companionship; and

WHEREAS, the state is responsible for wildlife management and sport regulation, ensuring the health and safety of the

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1 public and ensuring the health and benefit of wildlife; and

2 WHEREAS, the responsible breeding and care of all fish and  
3 animals is essential to the efficient and profitable production  
4 of food, fiber and other animal uses and products; and

5 WHEREAS, the protection of those engaging in animal  
6 enterprise is essential to the intrinsic interdependence of  
7 humans and animals and to the personal and public benefit of  
8 that relationship; and

9 WHEREAS, the use of scientific and ecological principles  
10 is essential to conserving and managing wildlife and wildlife  
11 habitats in a manner that fosters long-term survival and a  
12 balance between wild and domestic animals; and

13 WHEREAS, research using animals is necessary to ensure the  
14 effective medical treatment of humans and animals;

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE  
16 OF NEW MEXICO that it support properly researched and industry-  
17 tested livestock practices and accepted animal husbandry  
18 practices that promote proper animal care and provide consumers  
19 with wholesome food, a choice of fiber products and animals for  
20 service, sport and companionship; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that those practices should  
22 include:

23 A. the promotion and protection of public safety  
24 and health;

25 B. compliance with and enforcement of wildlife

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1 laws;

2 C. compliance with accepted animal husbandry  
3 standards for animal health and the management of livestock and  
4 companion animals;

5 D. the use of transportation and handling  
6 facilities that provide for livestock health and safety;

7 E. consultation with licensed veterinarians and  
8 industry experts concerning livestock health needs, livestock  
9 health care practices and the use of livestock health products;  
10 and

11 F. the protection of individuals and public or  
12 private entities that engage in animal enterprises and adhere  
13 to properly researched and industry-tested livestock practices  
14 and accepted animal husbandry practices; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the senate of New Mexico  
16 support:

17 A. public and private education programs that  
18 present the facts of animal production, use, service and  
19 companionship to the general public;

20 B. research that improves scientific knowledge,  
21 human and animal health and productivity and the quality of  
22 animal products, and the development of practical methods for  
23 implementing the findings of that research; and

24 C. wildlife management practices, based on  
25 scientific research, that ensure the security of healthy,

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1 viable wildlife populations so that those populations can be  
2 properly used and enjoyed by present and future generations;  
3 and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the senate of New Mexico  
5 support:

6 A. lawful animal practices that increase public  
7 awareness of animals and the importance of animals in modern  
8 life as sources of food, fiber, scientific knowledge, service  
9 and companionship; and

10 B. efforts to protect domestic animal, wildlife and  
11 fish populations by prohibiting transactions involving  
12 threatened or endangered species without a valid government  
13 permit, introductions of fish and wildlife that are  
14 contraindicated by wildlife rules and laws and offenses  
15 committed against animals and by encouraging the responsible  
16 placement by shelters of companion animals into appropriate  
17 adoptive homes; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the senate of New Mexico  
19 oppose:

20 A. the expenditure of public funds to promote  
21 animal rights and the use of educational materials in public  
22 schools that discourage the use and enjoyment of animals and  
23 animal products; and

24 B. legislation and regulation that would prohibit  
25 or unduly restrict the use of animals in research or for food,

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1 fiber or service or restrict the responsible breeding and sale  
2 of animals as pets or companions or for hobby, lawful sport,  
3 display or exhibition; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
5 transmitted to the New Mexico livestock board, the New Mexico  
6 department of agriculture and the board of veterinary medicine.

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